DNREC showcases Delaware's coastal and natural resources on Oct. 6 at Coast Day in Lewes

LEWES — Delaware's coastal and natural resources will be featured from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 6 at DNREC's Coast Day education tent between the Smith and Cannon buildings on the campus of the University of Delaware's College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment at 700 Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE 19958.

Coast Day is the university's annual outreach event that attracts thousands of visitors from Delaware and throughout the region to showcase the latest in ocean science and conservation.

"Coast Day celebrates Delaware's coastal resources and brings together partners who are committed to preserving our beaches, waterways, tidal marshes, farmland, upland forests, bay, and ocean for future generations," said DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin. "Coast Day visitors will get a close-up look into the science and technology that is being used and developed to help make important decisions about our natural resources in Delaware and around the globe."

DNREC's tent features the agency's diverse programs that help conserve and protect Delaware's natural resources and encourages public participation through hands-on activities and educational games that appeal to both adults and children. DNREC has exhibited at Coast Day since the event's inception in 1976.

This year, a variety of DNREC exhibits with games and giveaways will highlight Delaware's coastal and natural

resources, including:

Shoreline and Waterway Management Section's Dune Sign Contest winners display, floodplain mapping tool, and dredging survey

- The Delaware Bayshore Initiative's mini-theater and DuPont Nature Center's touch tank
- DNREC volunteer opportunities at the EcoCafe
- The Delaware Shorebird Project
- DNREC Recycling Program information and sorting activity
- Outdoor Delaware magazine
- Cape Henlopen State Park Nature Center and Fort Miles programs
- Resources for the public on ocean science from Delaware Coastal Programs
- Air quality monitoring equipment demonstrations
- Information on bats and white-nose syndrome with audio of bat calls and videos from the Species Conservation & Management Program
- Mosquito Control Section's tips for knocking out pests
- Wetlands conservation activities for the whole family
- DNREC's Division of Waste & Hazardous Substances will provide information on Brownfields Development and Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Closure Assistance programs.

For more information on the event, visit https://www.deseagrant.org/coast-day.

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